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1. MAR 22 AMHARIC PAPER IN ITS REVOLUTIONARY FORUM
COLUMN, PRINTED ARTICLE TITLED "CIA TRYING TO MAKE US
SWALLOW HONEY-COVERED POISON." COLUMN USED WASHPOST
CORRESPONDENT DAVID OTTAWAY'S FAVORABLE ARTICLE ON
ETHIOPIA'S ECONOMY AS POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR ATTACKING CIA.
ALTHOUGH COLUMN DID NOT SPECIFICALLY STATE OTTAWAY CIA
AGENT, IT MADE CLEAR THAT WASHPOST ARTICLE PART OF
CIA PLOT AGAINST ETHIOPIAN BROAD MASSES. IN SOMEWHAT
CONVOLUTED LOGIC, AUTHOR ACCUSED CIA OF TRYING TO DISTRACT
INDISTRIOUSNESS OF MASSES AND LULL THEM INTO COMPLACENCY
THROUGH SPERFICIAL PRAISING OF ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS.
AUTHOR ALSO BLAMED CIA FOR COORDINATING AND PROVIDING PLANS
FOR RECENT BANK ROBBERY, FOR ECONOMIC SABOTAGE, FOR
SMUGGLING OF MONEY BY REACTIONARY BUREAUCRATS, AND FOR
CURRENT CAMPAIGN OF SLANDER AND ASSASSINATION OF PRO-
GRESSIVE INDIVIDUALS. CITING ALLEGED OTTAWAY PRAISE OF
BANKS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND BUREAUCRACY AS AT LEAST
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PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION'S ECONOMIC
SUCCESS, AUTHOR LINKED OTTAWAY TO CURRENT "ENEMIES" OF
ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION.

2. PERHAPS TO CONFIRM OTTAWAY'S GROWING CONCERN ABOUT
CONTINUED WESTERN PRESS PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA, ARTICLE
MAKDES STRONGLINKAGE BETWEEN OTTAWAY, WASHPOST,

AND CIA, AND SUGGESTS THAT EVEN PRAISE-WORTHY ARTICLES ARE NOW APT TO BE SEEN AS THREAT TO ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION, MAKING IT DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO SATISFY WESTERN PRESS CRITICS WITHIN EPMG. ALTHOUGH FULL TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE NOT YET AVAILABLE, ROUGH TRANSLATION STRONGLY WORDED AND CONTAINS MANY FULSOME, TRADITIONAL AMHARIC EPITHETS. SECOND ARTICLE IN MAR 22 ETHIOPIAN HERALD TITLED "MOCKERY OF DEMOCRACY" REPORTED REFTEL D, STRONGLY CONDEMNATORY OF PRESIDENT CARTER, AMB YOUNG, AND U.S. IN GENERAL.

3. COMMENT: APPEARANCE OF ARTICLE LINKING OTTAWAY WITH CIA OBVIOUSLY NOT GOOD SIGN IN TERMS CONTINUED OTTAWAY PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA. REVOLUTIONARY FORUM COLUMN MAY ALSO REFLECT POSSIBLE CONFLICT TAKING PLACE IN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, POLITBURO, AND PMAC AND PROBABLY IS A COUNTER TO FAVORABLE MAR 17 OTTAWAY ARTICLE. IN ANY CASE, THIS FIRST LINKAGE IN ETHIOPIA MEDIA BETWEEN OTTAWAY BY NAME AND CIA. ALTHOUGH OTTAWAY CURRENTLY OUT OF COUNTRY HIS WIFE HAS COMMUNICATED SUBSTANCE OF ARTICLE TO HIM. EMBASSY WILL POUCH FULL TEXT WHEN IT AVAILABLE.

4. FOR DAR ES SALAAM: WE BELIEVE OTTAWAY IS NOW IN DAR COVERING PODGORNÝ VISIT. EVEN THOUGH HIS WIFE IS APPARENTLY IN TOUCH WITH HIM BY PHONE, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO BE AWARE OF SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE.

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